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Wisconsin's Commemorative Quarter Council Announces Wisconsin's New Quarter

(Madison) Wisconsin, the thirtieth state to enter the Union, will be recognized in October 2004 through the minting of its State Quarter. By vote of the public, the quarter design will feature Wisconsin's agricultural heritage.

The Governor thanks the Commemorative Quarter Advisory Council for all of their hard work in narrowing down the initial 9,663 design submissions to the final three that the public voted on. With a total of 347,662 votes submitted last week, Agriculture was the winner. According to the U.S. Mint, Wisconsin will be the first state to feature an agricultural design on its Commemorative Quarter. The Governor did not take a position on which design should be selected, but instead forwarded to the U.S. Mint the design selected by the public vote.

The official tally of the public vote is:

Agriculture -137,745

Early Exploration - 112,907

Scenic Wisconsin - 97,010

This has been a long process for everyone involved and the Commemorative Quarter Council appreciates the support that the citizens of Wisconsin have shown throughout it.

DFI would like to acknowledge the members of the Commemorative Quarter Council, who have led this process since the beginning of this program in 2001:

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The 50 State Quarters Program celebrates the history and heritage of the 50 United States in the order which they ratified the Constitution and joined the Union. Wisconsin will be the last quarter honored in 2004. It will follow the release of Michigan, Florida, Texas, and Iowa all to be released in 2004.

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